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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINS PINT MOPS MILI VS VN

SUBJ: PRG WALKOUT IN PFJMT AND TPJMC

1. THE PRG DELEGATIONS WALKED OUT OF TODAY'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF BOTH THE FPJMT AND THE TPJMC. IN BOTH INSTANCES, THE PRG DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT WOULD RETURN FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

2. IN A BRIEF TELECON WITH EMBOFF, BGEN HIEP, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GVN TPJMC DELEGATION, STATED THAT THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE HAD IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO A FIFTEEN-MINUTE REITERATION OF THE PRG ALLEGATIONS OF GVN CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS WITHDRAWING FROM THE MEETING. OTHER THAN THE USUAL DEMAND THAT THE GVN CEASE ITS VIOLATIONS, THE PRG HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY PARTICULAR GVN ACTION PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 5. HIEP ALSO STATED THAT, IN CONTRAST TO LAST FRIDAY'S MEETING WHEN THE PRG DELEGATION HAD AGREED TO EARLY ADJOURNMENT, HE HAD STRONGLY PROTESTED THE PRG ACTION TODAY IN THE "ONE MINUTE" AVAILABLE AS THE PRG DELEGATION WITHDREW.

3. COMMENT: NOTHING UNTOWARD HAD HAPPENED DURING YESTER-  
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DAY'S SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE PRG WALKOUT CAUGHT THE

GVN BY SURPRISE. HIEP BELIEVES THAT THE PRG IS ATTEMPTING TO GET EVEN WITH THE GVN FOR ITS STRONG AND MULTI-FACETTED PROTEST OF THE LE MINH (PLEI DJERENG) INCIDENT. THE CLOSE PARALLEL BETWEEN THE GVN SCENARIO FOR LAST FRIDAY'S MEETING AND THE PRG SCENARIO TODAY APPEARS TO LEND VALIDITY TO THIS ASSUMPTION. END COMMENT.

4. AT THE FPJMT MEETING, FOLLOWING OPENING REMARKS BY THE OTHER THREE DELEGATIONS, THE PRG DELEGATION RAPIDLY READ A PREPARED STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE US AND RVN GOVERNMENTS FOR FAILING TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING THE READING OF THIS STATEMENT, THE PRG DELEGATION ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS WALKING OUT OF THE MEETING TO PROTEST US AND RVN VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND WOULD RETURN FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON OCTOBER 4.

5. COMMENT: THE US FPJMT DELEGATION WILL RELEASE THROUGH THE EMBASSY A SHORT PRESS STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON. THE TEXT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT AS WELL AS A FULLER ACCOUNT OF THE TPJMC AND FPJMT MEETING WILL BE REPORTED SEPTELS.  
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